THE MINISTER 'OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does Does arise in view of reply to (a) & (b) abow.

भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक की शाखाएं

*507. श्री कैलाशपति नारायण सारंग : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपया करेंगे कि :

(क) किन-किन राज्यों में भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक के कितने-कितने सम्पूर्ण कार्यालय कार्यरत हैं;

(ख) मध्य प्रदेश में भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक की कितनी शाखाएं कार्यरत हैं;

(ग) किन-किन विभागों का कार्य इन शाखाओं को नहीं सौंपा गया है और जिसके लिए इनको अपने मुख्यालयों पर निर्भर रहना पड़ता है; और

(घ) क्या सरकार मध्य प्रदेश में भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक की सम्पूर्ण शाखा खोलने पर विचार कर रही है, यदि हां, तो किस जिले में और कब तक ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम. वी. चन्द्रशेखर मूर्ति) : (क) वर्तमान में भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक के 13 राज्यों में 14 पूर्ण कार्यालय हैं जिसकी विस्तृत जानकारी निम्नानुसार है :—

राज्य का नाम	स्थान
1. आन्ध्र प्रदेश	हैदराबाद
2. असम	गुवाहाटी
3. बिहार	पटना
4. दिल्ली	नयी दिल्ली
5. गुजरात	अहमदाबाद
6. कर्नाटक	बंगलौर
7. केरल	तिरुवनन्तपुरम
8. महाराष्ट्र	i. बम्बई
	ii. नागपुर
9. उड़ीसा	भुवनेश्वर
10. राजस्थान	जयपुर
11. तमिलनाडु	मद्रास
12. उत्तर प्रदेश	कानपुर
13. पश्चिम बंगाल	कलकत्ता

(ख) भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक का भोपाल, मध्य प्रदेश में एक क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय है।

(ग) भोपाल स्थित भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक के कार्यालय के पास सरकार के कारोबार को देखने के लिए कोई बैंकिंग विभाग और करेंसी प्रबंधन के लिये कोई निर्गम विभाग नहीं है। ये कार्य भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक की ओर से इसके नागपुर कार्यालय के पर्यवेक्षण में फिलहाल भारतीय स्टेट बैंक, स्टेट बैंक आफ इंदौर और सेन्ट्रल बैंक आफ इंडिया द्वारा किये जा रहे हैं।

(घ) भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक ने भोपाल स्थित अपने क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय में बैंकिंग और निर्गम विभागों की स्थापना करने का निर्णय लिया है। इस मामले में प्रारम्भिक कार्रवाई की जा चुकी है। इन विभागों के खोले जाने तक भारतीय स्टेट बैंक, स्टेट बैंक आफ इंदौर और सेन्ट्रल बैंक आफ इंडिया की शाखाएं सरकार के कारोबार का लेन देन जारी रखेंगी और मध्य प्रदेश राज्य के लोगों की बैंकिंग आवश्यकताओं को पूरा करेंगी।

Excise Duty Evasioo by Relance Industries Limited

*508. Prof. Vijay Kumar Malhotra: Will the Minuter of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whehter the Public Accounts Committee had rapped Government for not pursuing the cases of massive excise duty evasion by Reliance Industries Limited;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken to realise the Government revenue;

(c) the details of stay orders that have been obtained by RIL. and how much money of Government is locked therein;

(d) the steps taken to get those stay orders vacated to pave the way to realise the Government revenue; and

(e) if no steps have been taken, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY: (a) and (b): In the Public Accounts Committee's 155th Report (88-89— 8th Lok Sabha), the Committee have made observations/recommendations in the context of Para 4.58 of the C&AG's Report for 1986-87, relating to irregular credit of Rs. 1.17 crores on base yam by M/s. Reliance Industries Ltd. (M/s. RIL). Besides, the Com-

mittee have also referred to 6 other Central Bxcise cases relating to M/s. R.LL.

Brief particulars of these seven Central Excise cases, and the action taken in respect of stay orders, their adjudication and realisation *at* duty amounts, are given in the Annexure. *{See* Appendix 170, annexure No. 108].

(c) and (d) Stay ostlers issued by the Bombay High Court in respect of cases at Serial Nos. 3,4 and 7, mentioned in the Statement, were got vacated in February, 1993. As regards the stay granted by CEGAT against enforcement of the Collector's order dated 25-5-93, in the case at Serial No. 3 of the Statement, steps are being taken to move the CEGAT for early hearing.

(*) In view of (c) and (d) above, the question does not arise.

Detjr oa coated paper

*509. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA

Will the Minsiter of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that duty on coated paper produced by independent coating units is 20 percent'

(b) whether it is also a fact that duty on coated paper produced by paper mills having pulp, paper and coating units in the same premises central excise is paid @15 per cent and 10 per cent;

(c) whether it is a lacs that independendent coat-tug units' finished products become costlier by 16 per cent to 26 per cent as they have to pay CST, octroi/freight, handling charges, (inter-mediate commissions, eta., and

(d) whether it is a fact that in such a situation independent coating units cannot survive against mills having coming facilities in their premises and not peying intermediate taxes and charges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Yes, Sir, Coated paper manufactured by large independent units attract? excise duty at 20% *ad valorem.* However, lower duty of Nil, 10% or 15% under the general SSI scheme is available to eligible independent manufacturers of coaled paper.

(b) Coated paper manufactured by paper mills having pulp, paper and coating units in She same premises where the pulp is composed of convbntioaal raw materials thard wood, soft wood certain reeds and ?rage)attracts excise duty of 20% *ad valorem.* Ccacessional rates of excise duty of 5%, 10%. or 15% are also available to paper units using at least 50 per cent of unconventional raw materials depending, *inter aha.* on the per centage of unconventional raw material in the pulp used and/or quantum of clearances made in a financial year.

(c) and (d) The price of coated paper made by independent coating units defends upon a number of factors including excise duty, sales tax, handling charges, freight, etc. Far a small coating unit with a turnover of Rs. 30 lakhs there would be no increase in price on account of excise duty as such units are exempted. Units with turnover upto Rs. 75 lakh s will have to pay excise duty at 10% or 15%, but they will be eligible for Modvat credit of duty paid on paper used by them. Larger units will have to pay duty at 20% The cost of coated paper made by an integrated unit also depends on various factors like excise duty; sales tax, handling charges freight, etc. Paper, like other finished goods, when cleared from a unit, atracts sales tax, octroi and other taxes and bears handling charges, freight, intermediate commission, etc. which vary depending, *inter aha,* on the policy of the state/local government, the location of the units concerned and the marketing pattern. Even for a units required to pay excise duty of 20% on coated paper, because of the input duty credit under Modvat which will now be avail-able, it is not possible to specify is to what would be the extra burden on accouns of this excise duty. In view of all these variable factors, it is not possible to quantify the coat increase of the finished coated paper manufactured by independent units and paper mills and to indi-cate whether independent coating units will be suffering either an overall price disadvantage or will not be able to survive vis-a-vis paper mills making coated paper.

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*510. [illegible] : [illegible]